Abstract of the Disclosure

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENHANCING DIGITAL IMAGES
WITH TEXTUAL EXPLANATIONS

A photographer adds explanatory text to a captured image by speaking the text at approximately the time the image is captured by the digital camera. The spoken information is reduced to text by recognizing the user's speech, and is associated with the digital image. Preferably, the digital camera contains an on-board speech reduction capability to produce an intermediate symbolic form expressing the user's speech as a series of basic sounds, or phonemes, which can be later reduced to natural language text by a computer system having access to sophisticated vocabulary lists and syntactical analysis.